

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

QUASHAWN SHERIDAN,
Plaintiff,
v.
WASHOE COUNTY D. FACILITY, et al.,
Defendants.

Case No.: 2:25-cv-00944-RFB-NJK

Order Denying Without Prejudice *In Forma Pauperis* Application

(Docket No. 1)

10 On May 27, 2025, pro se plaintiff Quashawn Sheridan, an inmate in the custody of the
11 Nevada Department of Corrections, submitted complaints under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 and applied to
12 proceed *in forma pauperis*. Docket Nos. 1, 1-1, 1-2. Plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma*
13 *pauperis* is incomplete because it is not on this Court's approved form and Plaintiff did not include
14 a financial certificate and an inmate trust fund account statement for the previous six-month period
15 with the application.

16 The United States District Court for the District of Nevada must collect filing fees from
17 parties initiating civil actions. 28 U.S.C. § 1914(a). As of December 1, 2023, the fee for filing a
18 civil-rights action is \$405, which includes the \$350 filing fee and the \$55 administrative fee. *See*
19 28 U.S.C. § 1914(b). “Any person who is unable to prepay the fees in a civil case may apply to
20 the court for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*.” LSR 1-1. For an inmate to apply for *in forma*
21 *pauperis* status, the inmate must submit **all three** of the following documents to the Court: (1) a
22 completed **Application to Proceed *in Forma Pauperis* for Inmate**, which is pages 1–3 of the
23 Court’s approved form, that is properly signed by the inmate twice on page 3; (2) a completed
24 **Financial Certificate**, which is page 4 of the Court’s approved form, that is properly signed by
25 both the inmate and a prison or jail official; and (3) a copy of the **inmate’s prison or jail trust**
26 **fund account statement for the previous six-month period**. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(1)–(2);
27 LSR 1-2. *In forma pauperis* status does not relieve an inmate of his or her obligation to pay the
28 filing fee, it just means that the inmate can pay the fee in installments. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b).

1 Accordingly, for the reasons stated above,

2 IT IS ORDERED that the application to proceed *in forma pauperis*, Docket No. 1, is
3 **DENIED** without prejudice.

4 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, no later than **August 19, 2025**, Plaintiff must either pay
5 the full \$405 filing fee or file a new fully complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis* with
6 all three required documents: a completed application with the inmate's two signatures on page 3;
7 a completed financial certificate that is signed both by the inmate and the prison or jail official;
8 and a copy of the inmate's trust fund account statement for the previous six-month period.

9 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, if Plaintiff fails to timely comply with this order, this
10 action will be subject to dismissal without prejudice. A dismissal without prejudice allows
11 Plaintiff to refile the case with the Court, under a new case number, when Plaintiff can file a
12 complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis* or pay the required filing fee.

13 The Clerk of the Court is **INSTRUCTED** to send Plaintiff Quashawn Sheridan the
14 approved form application to proceed *in forma pauperis* for an inmate and instructions for the
15 same and retain the complaints, Docket Nos. 1-1, 1-2, but not file them at this time.

16 IT IS SO ORDERED.

17 DATED: June 20, 2025

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21 NANCY J. KOPPE
22 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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